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SUBJ: INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF LAO REFUGEES TO LAOS

REF: A. STATE 44063, B. BANGKOK 4178 (NOTAL)
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1. KAMM TOLD US THAT THE UBON GOVERNOR HAD INFORMED HIM THAT SOME 300 LAO REFUGEES HAD RETURNED TO LAOS FROM UBON PROVINCE SINCE NOVEMBER 15 (REFTEL A). REFTELS B AND C, REPEATS OF TELEGRAMS FROM UPCOUNTRY CONSULATES, REPORTED THAT UNDETERMINED NUMBERS OF REFUGEES HAD BEEN RETURNED TO LAOS FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE NORTHEAST AND NORTH SINCE THAT DATE.

2. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNHCR OFFICE IN BANGKOK WERE PRESENT IN UBON WITH KAMM WHILE THE GOVERNOR RECOUNTED HIS STORY. WHEN WE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, HE WAS ALREADY AWARE OF IT.

3. THE CONSUL IN UDORN IS PREPARING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
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REPATRIATION SITUATION IN THE NORTHEAST. THE REFUGEE COORDINATOR IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE NOVEMBER 21. HE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR THERE. WE WILL REPORT MORE COMPREHENSIVELY ON THE TOPIC BY FEBRUARY 24.
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